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MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:30PM

Mayor and Commission

Noah Jacobs
Mayor

Bryan Cooper
Vice Mayor

Robert "Bob" Anderson
Commissioner

Roxanna Ross
Commissioner

Commissioner Watts
Commissioner

Ana M. Garcia
Village Manager

John J. Hearn
Village Attorney

Maria C. Camara
Village Clerk

1 Call to Order

Mayor Noah Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor Noah Jacobs - present
Vice Mayor Bryan Cooper - absent
Commissioner Bob Anderson - present
Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Ana M. Garcia
Village Clerk Maria C. Camara
Village Attorney Eve Boutsis
Assistant to the Manager, Candido Sosa-Cruz
Public Works Director Bernard Pratt
Finance Director Irwin Williams
Assistant Public Works Director Cesar Hernandez

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Presentations (continued):

4.a Recognition of Bernard Pratt, Public Works Director

Manager Garcia presented a plaque to Bernard Pratt, Public Works Director in honor of his dedicated service to the Village for the past 24 years. Mr. Pratt will be resigning on May 31, 2013.

Clerk Camara presented a gift basket to Mr. Pratt from his fellow employees.

Roscoe Tillman, Jessie Anderson and Cesar Hernandez each recognized Mr. Pratt and were proud to have worked with him.

Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts each expressed their appreciation to Mr. Pratt and for his service to the Village.

Janey Anderson: Even though not the best working conditions, Bernard was always a gentleman and a class act. All residents and your team appreciate you and your positive attitude. Wish you the best and we were lucky to have you.

Director Pratt: Thanks everyone and expressed that he will miss the Village.

Mayor Jacobs calls a recess at 6:53pm.

Meeting resumes at 7:05pm.

5 Public Comment Related to Agenda Items

< None >

6 Resolutions

6.a Resolution 2013-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, **ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL WASTE FEE ASSESSMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK**, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Boutsis read the title.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2013-21 and it is seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Clerk Camara confirms that Resolution 2013-21 was revised and was provided to the Commission at the beginning of the meeting.

Manager Garcia: Explains the pending issue with Senate Bill 1810 and the proposed contribution percentages for FRS that could go into effect on July 1st and that would impact the Sanitation budget; and that the Resolution reflects two annual waste fee rates depending on the decision of the Governor on SB 1810.

Commissioner Watts: On the anticipated operating expenses of the Sanitation budget, there is a \$9,500 increase for repairs on a 13 year old truck. This is a decision that needs to be made when we examine the possibility of outsourcing or not.

Commissioner Ross: We need to weigh negative and benefits of this. To invest \$20,000 on an older vehicle is not a wise choice today. Encourage we do an RFP to see if outsourcing would benefit the Village and to still continue to provide quality service.

Manager Garcia: This is not a reflection of our staff. Rather the escalating costs are driving us to have to look at outsourcing.

Commissioner Anderson: Confirms what rate will go to the County once the Governor makes a decision.

Attorney Boutsis: As outlined in the Resolution, two rates are provided pending the Governor's decision.

Commissioner Watts: Appalled at the landfill tipping fees and the increasing costs. Perhaps ask the Ecology Board to sponsor a workshop on composting.

Commissioner Ross: Another way is to encourage our residents to recycle more and to also have Ecology look into this.

Commissioner Anderson: We have no choice as a municipality than to use a Miami-Dade County landfill. More recycling would reduce what goes to the landfill. We need to reach out to all residents and let them know it will help not only the environment, but financially to keep the rates down.

Clerk is directed to advise the Ecology Board to look into recycling and composting education/workshops and all other matters to be environmentally conscious.

Commissioner Watts: Looks for recycling provider that allows recycling of shiny paper.

The motion is called to a vote.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Ross, and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 4/0

7 Ordinance - SECOND READING

7.a Ordinance 2013-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 166.041, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2012-12 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 23, 2012 FINALIZING AND ADOPTING THE **ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, BY AMENDING VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BUDGET** CONSISTENT WITH EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Boutsis read the title.

Mayor Jacobs opened public comment and there were none.

Commissioner Anderson makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-07 and it is seconded by Commissioner Ross.

Commissioner Ross: Thanks Finance Director Williams for time provided to answer her questions. Very satisfied with answers.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Ross, and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 4/0

8 Final Public Comment

Linda Dillon: Please try to print double sided to save paper.

Chuck Ross: Commends Finance Director Williams on the fine job he is doing.

Manager Garcia confirms the scheduling of a special commission meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:30pm.

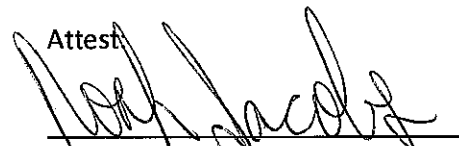
Commissioner Watts: Requests that proposed code changes to Chapters 6 and 7 are included with the upcoming newsletter.

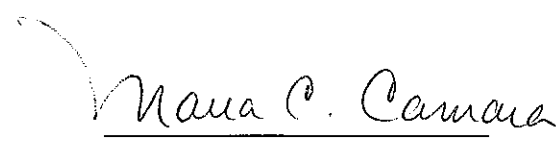
9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Commission approved on 7/9/13.

Attest


Noah Jacobs, Mayor


Maria Camara, Village Clerk